

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(Reference Example 1)

A 96-well microplate was immersed in an aqueous polyacrylic acid solution (concentration 10^{-2} M) at 25°C for 15 minutes, and then washed with water. During this process, the pH of the aqueous polyacrylic acid solution was maintained at 3.5. Separately, a solution was prepared by adding oligodeoxythymidine (20mer), whose 5'-terminus had been aminated, to a 0.1 M 2-(*N*-morpholino)ethanesulfonic acid (MES) buffer (pH 6), so as to give a concentration of 1.3 mM, and further adding 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC) thereto to give a concentration of 25 mM. 75 μ L of the solution thus prepared was added to each of the wells of the plate, and a reaction was carried out at 60°C for 6 hours so as to immobilize the oligodeoxythymidine on the surface within the wells. Unreacted oligodeoxythymidine was washed away with water, and fluorometry was then carried out by adding 75 μ L of a 10 mM tris(hydroxy)aminomethane hydrochloride - 1 mM ethylenediamine-*N,N,N',N'*-tetraacetic acid (TE) buffer (pH 8.0) containing 0.5 vol % of the fluorescence reagent OliGreen. As a separate procedure, the fluorescence reagent was added to a well having no oligodeoxythymidine immobilized thereon, and the fluorescence intensity was measured and deducted as a blank.